

THE CULTURE CONNECTION

The New Detroit Science Center

The Science Center offers 110,000 square feet of scientific exploration, including the IMAX® Dome Theatre, a Dassault Systèmes Planetarium, the Ford Learning Resource Center, the DTE Energy Sparks Theater, the DaimlerChrysler Science Stage, and much more. 5020 John R St. www.sciencedetroit.org - Contact: Linda Kimball or Linette Penn, (313) 577-8400; select option No. 5.

Pewabic Pottery

Pewabic Pottery is world-renowned for its historic and original tiles. Founded in 1903 at the dawn of the Arts and Crafts movement in the United States, Pewabic continues to garner acclaim for its tile and pottery in unique glazes. Pewabic offers a hands-on workshop to create a clay object and/or a tour of the pottery. Pewabic is a National Historic Landmark and Michigan's only Arts and Crafts era pottery. 10125 E. Jefferson Ave. www.pewabic.com Contact: Gerri Kelley, (313) 822-0954, ext. 120.

Puppet Art/Detroit Puppet Theater

One of a handful of puppet theaters in the country, this unique venue offers children and adults highly dramatic and original puppet performances drawn from folklore and multicultural themes. Performances change each month and display a variety of puppetry types. Also included is a museum with a collection of puppets from around the world. Workshops with instruction and manipulation are offered by special arrangement. Thursday - Saturday; call for schedule. 25 E. Grand

River Ave. www.puppetart.org
- Contact: Igor Gozman, (313) 961-7777 or (248) 318-2945.



Second Baptist Church, Underground Railroad Tour

The Second Baptist Church is a local historic site. Tours include a review of the church's history. The tour features a quilt used to explain "quilt codes" that were used by those who traveled on the Underground Railroad. The tour ends with a visit to a room that's dedicated to Underground Railroad heroes. Fees \$5 and \$2. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 441-461 Monroe St. Contact: Bobbie Davis, (313) 961-0325.

Trip Evaluation Procedure

All cultural institutions will require the charter contact person to complete an evaluation form for the visiting group. The document is to be returned to the site contact for submission to the Detroit Recreation Department. You may be contacted in response to your comments on the evaluation.

THANK YOU FOR USING THE CULTURE CONNECTION

The City of Detroit and the Detroit Recreation Department are grateful to The Skillman Foundation for its support of the 2006 Culture Connection Program.

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THE SKILLMAN FOUNDATION

The Skillman Foundation is a resource for improving the lives of children in metropolitan Detroit. The Foundation applies its resources to foster positive relationships between children and adults, support high quality learning opportunities, and strengthen healthy, safe and supportive homes and communities. The Foundation was founded in December 1960 by Rose P. Skillman, widow of Robert H. Skillman, vice president and director of Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company, and has an annual grantmaking budget of \$21.7 million.

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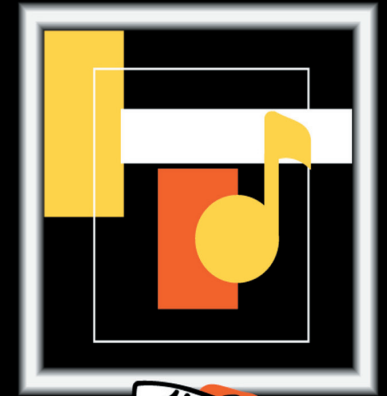
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WHAT IS THE CULTURE CONNECTION?

The Culture Connection is a program administered by the Detroit Recreation Department to provide youth with inexpensive transportation to 12 Detroit cultural institutions. The Culture Connection bus is available to service youth ages 5 to 18. (Children under 5 cannot participate.) The program runs through June 30, 2006.

WHO CAN GET CONNECTED?

The Culture Connection serves groups from Detroit-based youth centers, churches, schools, social service agencies, public housing residences, recreation centers, and libraries. Group sizes can range from a minimum of 10 to a maximum of 35 per bus.

- The Culture Connection bus will not pick up groups at private residences or commercial businesses.
- School-age groups must have a minimum of two adult chaperones per small bus and three adults per large bus.
- The fee for a small bus (up to 20 passengers) is \$35. A large bus (up to 35 passengers) costs \$60.
- Note that some of the cultural institutions have admission fees and some have dining facilities.

HOW TO GET CONNECTED

- Select which of the offered cultural institutions your group would like to visit and call the contact person, listed in this brochure, to arrange a date for your trip. Arrangements for the visit must be made through the cultural institutions and you must say you are coming on The Culture Connection bus. You will be asked to evaluate your trip. Forms will be sent with your receipt.

- Reserve your Culture Connection bus by calling (313) 331-8700. Bus reservations must be made a minimum of three weeks in advance. Scheduled departures are required.

- Send payment to:
Detroit Recreation Department/Culture Connection
65 Cadillac Square, Suite 3900
Detroit, Michigan 48226

- Payment should be in the form of a check or money order, payable to: **Detroit Recreation Department** and must be received two weeks before the day of your trip.

- There are **NO REFUNDS**. Trips can be rescheduled by groups/agencies within one week of their trip date.

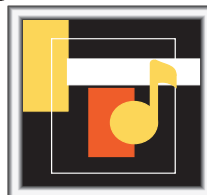
CULTURE CONNECTION INSTITUTIONS

Belle Isle's Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory

The oldest and largest botanical museum located in Michigan. The conservatory features an extraordinary plant collection with more than 70,000 varieties and 130-year-old palm trees. The Conservatory is open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. Call 852-4064 for more information or to arrange a tour. Admission is free.

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

The Wright Museum of African-American History, the largest museum of its kind in the world, preserves history and educates the public on the life and culture of African-Americans down through the centuries. \$5 adults; \$3 students. Tours, Wednesday - Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. 315 E. Warren. www.maah-detroit.org-Contact: Pat Crosswhite, (313) 494-5808.



Children's Museum

Detroit has the third oldest children's museum in the country. Programs focus on science, art, and various cultures; they often include workshops. The Children's Museum is home to the first planetarium in the city - one that provides an intimate setting and a wonderful opportunity to learn about the stars. Fees only for special programs. Tuesday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 2nd Saturday Activities are available each month (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.). 6134 Second Ave. - www.detroitchildrensmuseum.org Contact: Catherine Howard, (313) 873-8100.

College For Creative Studies

The College for Creative Studies (CCS) is one of the nation's leading arts education institutions. (Art and Design Career Discovery Tours are hands-on for middle school students.) Tour the school's studios and workshops and see art in the making. CCS students present their work, answer questions, and lead school groups in art-making activities. Tuesday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fee \$3 201 E. Kirby. www.ccsd.edu/flashHomepage.cfm - Contact: Shelly-Marie Rios, (313) 664-7821.

Detroit Historical Museum

Visitors to the Historical Museum experience Detroit's past and can envision its promising future. The Historical Perspective Tour explores Detroit's transition from a fur trading post to the world's automotive capital. Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fees, \$5 adult; \$3 age 5-18 (\$1 Wed. only). 5401 Woodward Ave. www.detroithistorical.org-Contact: Alexis Draper-Group Tours, (313) 883-7979.

Detroit Institute of Arts

See medieval armor, larger-than-life murals, and sculptures that challenge the imagination while visiting the Detroit Institute of Arts' galleries. The halls are filled with masterpieces from Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and South America.

Join a guided tour at 1 p.m. daily or stroll the museum at your own pace. Weekend programming includes drop-in art workshops, lectures, storytelling, musical performances and videos for all ages. Suggested Fee: \$3 for students, aged 6-17 and \$6 for adults. Wednesday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 5200 Woodward Ave. www.dia.org - Contact: Shenandoah Oden, (313) 833-7981.



Detroit Public Library - Main Branch

Not only can you find books, videos, DVDs and music at the Main Library, you can use the computer lab to access games and the Internet. Visit special collections and research topics from automotive history to genealogy. Programs in the Children's Library - delighting children of all ages - range from storytelling to puppetry and from musical groups to magic. Tuesday, Wednesday noon - 8 p.m.; Thursday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 5201 Woodward Ave. www.detroit.lib.mi.us Contact: Public Services, Lurine Carter (313) 833-4137.

International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit

The Hall of Nations displays flags of all countries. Visit the Institute's International Doll Collection, featuring more than 2,000 dolls from all over the world. The American Room features a model ship collection (famous ships that brought immigrants to America). Youth and senior citizen groups can schedule special programs that showcase diverse cultures and ethnic art forms through music, dance, language, ethnic food, arts and crafts, and foreign language classes. Fees for special programs. Call to schedule a visit. 111 E. Kirby. <http://iimd.org> Contact: Nada Dalgamouni, (313) 871-8600, ext. 226 or 248.